

COVID-19 VISITING GUIDELINES FOR CAREGIVERS AND VISITORS

UP-TO-DATE WITH COVID-19 VACCINE/BOOSTERS

For the purpose of meeting the asymptomatic screening requirements, “up-to-date” with COVID vaccines means having completed the primary series and received a COVID -19 vaccine (booster) within the last 6 months.

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Planning Your Visit:






- Review the Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) education and training: See the Marianhill Website (hard copies available at entry to home).
- Print or download your proof of COVID-19 immunization: [Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- Please do NOT attend Marianhill if you are experiencing any of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to the risk factors listed in the [LTC COVID-19 Screening Tool](#).
- Postpone non-essential visits if you have been in contact with anyone who is positive for COVID-19 (confirmed through PCR or antigen testing), or anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms for ten (10) days following your last exposure.

Entry to the Home:

1. **Universal Masking:** Caregivers/Visitors are required to wear a mask at all times while in common areas of the home (see safe visiting below).
2. **Active Screening:** Marianhill’s COVID-19 Screener will verify that you are not experiencing any of the symptoms compatible with COVID-19, that you have not had any high-risk exposures within the past 10 days, and will verify proof of COVID-19 immunization.
 - In the absence of in-person screening, Caregivers/Visitors are required to complete active COVID-19 screening by formally attesting to all of the above through completion of the *Marianhill’s COVID-19 Screening and Visitor Log* prior to entering the home.
3. **Asymptomatic Screen Testing:** Marianhill provides asymptomatic screen testing for Caregivers/Visitors daily between the hours of **8:30 AM and 3 PM**.
 - Caregivers/Visitors are required to test negative on a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) daily in order to enter the Home (see testing hours above).
 - Caregivers/Visitors who are up-to-date with COVID-19 immunizations may proceed to the resident’s room while waiting on their test to process (15 minutes) provided they proceed **directly** to the residents’ room, maintaining universal masking, hand hygiene, and physical distancing requirements, and must minimize time in common areas.

Visiting Safely – Routine COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Measures

There is not one specific measure that will prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission. The use of multiple layers of prevention provides the best protection:

Vaccination	Self-Monitor	COVID-testing	Masking	Distancing	Hand Hygiene
					

- Children under the age of five (5) are excluded from vaccination requirements and children under two (2) are exempt from the masking requirements.
- Marianhill strongly recommends (but no longer requires) caregivers and visitors who are up-to-date with COVID-19 immunizations to wear masks when they are alone with a resident in their room, provided the resident or unit is not on isolation/outbreak precautions.
- **Mask must be reapplied immediately if any other individual (i.e. co-resident or staff) enter the room. If visiting in a shared room, the curtain must remain drawn at all times and mask must be worn if the co-resident is also in the room.**

****Please see Marianhill’s COVID-19 Visitor Policy for details on medical exemptions/accommodations****

Visiting during COVID-19 Outbreak or a Resident who is isolating

- Caregivers are the only type of visitor permitted to visit during an outbreak or when a resident is isolating, and only one (1) caregiver is able to visit at a time
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** CONTACT and DROPLET precautions require a fit-tested N95/non-fit-tested KN95 mask, face shield, gown and gloves when there is exposure or risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- Strict adherence to the specific sequence for putting on (donning) and taking off (doffing) of PPE is required for your safety and the safety of others..

Palliative (End-of-Life), Compassionate, and Emergency Visits:

- Antigen testing and proof of vaccination is not required to access the home for emergency response or when visiting residents receiving end-of-life care. Marianhill maintains a list of individuals accepting end-of life/compassionate visitation.